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For: Automated Molecular Pathology)
Apparatus Having Independent)
Slide Heaters)

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Sir:

This is a Reply to the August 29, 2005 Official Action for the above-identified patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of the Claims** which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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